

drinking water and sanitary waste disposal systems are vital not only to public health, but also to the economic vitality of rural America. Rural Development is a leader in helping rural America improve the quality of life and increase the economic opportunities for rural people. Under 7 CFR 1777, Section 306C, WEP provides funding for the construction of water and waste facilities in rural communities and is proud to be the only Federal program exclusively focused on rural water and waste infrastructure needs of rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less. WEP also provides funding to organizations that provide technical assistance and training to rural communities in relation to their water and waste activities, and is administered through National Office staff in Washington, DC, and a network of field staff in each State.

The Electric Program provides loans and grants to nonprofit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities. Insured loans primarily finance the construction of electric distribution facilities in rural areas. The guaranteed loan program has been expanded and is now available to finance generation, transmission, and distribution facilities. The loans and loan guarantees finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements and replacement required to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas, as well as demand side management, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems. Loans are made to cooperatives as well as to corporations, states, territories and subdivisions and agencies such as municipalities, people's utility districts, and nonprofit, limited-dividend, or mutual associations that provide retail electric service needs to rural areas or supply the power needs of distribution borrowers in rural areas.

The Telecom Program provides funding for the deployment of rural telecommunications infrastructure. Funding includes loans and loan guarantees as well as grants to eligible for-profit and non-profit entities, tribes, municipalities, and cooperatives. Funds are available through several different programs to help rural communities extend access where broadband service is least likely to be commercially available. Each program has different applicant and project eligibility requirements and program objectives. Once funds are awarded, Rural Development monitors the projects to make sure they are completed, meet all program requirements, and are making

efficient use of federal resources. The Telecom Program maintains staff of General Field Representatives (GFRs) locally for any technical assistance which may be required nationwide. GFRs are an integral part of our outreach delivery system. GFRs meet regularly with awardees at the awardee's locations. GFRs serve as the local information resources for the awardees and headquarters staff. They keep awardees current on issues that profoundly impact their business.

The data covered by this collection of information are those materials necessary to allow the agency to determine applicant and community eligibility and an explanation and documentation of the high need for the benefits of the SUTA provisions. Program specific application materials, which funds are being applied for, are covered by the information collection package for the specific RUS program.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 hours per response.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 46.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,380.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Crystal Pemberton, Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, at Telephone: (202) 260-8621. Email [Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov](mailto:Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Karl Elmshaeuser,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Gulf Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) will hold a half-day virtual meeting of its Ecosystem Technical Committee (ETC).

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Tuesday, October 21, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** This will be a virtual (webinar) meeting only. Registration information will be available on the Council's website by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the ETC meeting on the calendar.

*Council address:* Gulf Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Verena Wang, Ecosystem Analyst, Gulf Council; [verena.wang@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:verena.wang@gulfcouncil.org), telephone: (813) 348-1630.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 12:30 p.m.–4 p.m., EDT**

The meeting will begin with Introductions of Members, Adoption of Agenda, and Scope of Work. The Committee will review and discuss Ecosystem and climate readiness project updates, including Inflation Reduction Act projects and the Gulf Ecosystem Status Report. The Committee will discuss the draft Gulf Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP), including a presentation, draft document, and background materials.

Lastly, the committee will receive Public Comment and discuss any Other Business items.

#### Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will also be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Technical Committee meeting on the calendar. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Technical Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Technical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: September 29, 2025.

**Becky J. Curtis,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF270]

#### Gulf Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of hybrid meeting open to the public offering both in-person and virtual options for participation.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 4 day meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of America fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Monday, November 3 through Thursday, November 6, 2025, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., CST daily.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, located at 151 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39530. If you prefer to “listen in”, you may access the log-on information by visiting our website at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org).

*Council address:* Gulf Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Carrie Simmons, Executive Director, Gulf Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Monday, November 3, 2025; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., CST**

The meeting will begin in Full Council to review and adopt proposed and current Council Committee Assignments for November 2025 through August 2026. Committee Sessions will follow beginning with Habitat Protection & Restoration Committee receiving an update on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Generic Amendment 5 and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Recommendations.

Sustainable Fisheries Committee will review Regulatory Streamlining Report from Contractors and SSC Feedback,

Ecosystem Committee will discuss draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Ecosystem Technical Committee recommendations, and the Shrimp Committee will review and discuss Final Action: Shrimp Amendment 19: Shrimp Permit Moratorium Draft, SSC Summary of SEDAR 87 Gulf Penaeid Shrimp Stock Assessment Reviews and receive a Working Group update on Shrimp Bycatch Methodologies for Finfish.

The Data Collection Committee will receive a report from the SSC on Recreational Data Collection discussions and update on Commercial Electronic Logbook implementation.

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., CST**

The meeting will begin with a Litigation update. The Reef Fish Committee will convene to discuss Public Hearing Drafts for Reef Fish Amendment 58A: Shallow-water Grouper Complex Management considerations Reef Fish Amendment 62: Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper Management Measures. The committee will review draft options Reef Fish Amendment 63: Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper IFQ Program and Reef Fish Amendment 55/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44: Modifications to Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures. The committee will review and discuss Final Action: Abbreviated Framework Action: Continuation of DESCEND Act Management Measures in the Gulf.

**Wednesday, November 5, 2025; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., CST**

The Reef Fish Committee will reconvene with a review of Reef Fish and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program Landings and State Program Landings for Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack and receive a presentation on Delegation of Management of Federal For-Hire Vessels to the Gulf States for Red Snapper.

The Council will reconvene at approximately 1:30 p.m., CST with a Call to Order, Announcements and Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes. The Council will hold public testimony beginning at 1:40 p.m. to 5 p.m., CST on Final Action Items: Shrimp Amendment 19: Shrimp Permit Moratorium draft and Abbreviated Framework Action: Continuation of DESCEND Act Management Measures in the Gulf; and open testimony on other fishery issues or concerns. Public comment may begin earlier than 1:40 p.m. CST but will not conclude before that time. Persons wishing to give public testimony in-person must register at the registration

kiosk in the meeting room. Persons wishing to give public testimony virtually must sign up on the Council website on the day of public testimony. Registration for virtual testimony closes one hour (12:40 p.m. CST) before public testimony begins.

**Thursday, November 6, 2025; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., CST**

The Council will receive Committee reports from Habitat Protection & Restoration, Sustainable Fisheries, Ecosystem, Shrimp, Data Collection, and Reef Fish Committees. The Council will receive updates from the following supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison; Mississippi Law Enforcement Efforts; NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE); Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Department of State.

Lastly, the Council will hear an update on documents transmitted for rule making and hold a discussion on Council Planning and Primary Activities and any Other Business items.

#### Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting; both in-person and virtual participation available. You may register for the webinar to listen-in only by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and click on the Council meeting on the calendar.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348-1630, at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.